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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director (Plans)
THROUGH : Acting Chief, Development Projects Division
SUBJECT : Request for ARGON, CORONA and OXCART Clearances

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for the approval of the Deputy Director (Plans) as outlined in paragraph 2.

2. It is requested that you approve an ARGON, CORONA and OXCART clearance for the following TSS personnel:

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(a) [REDACTED] is our leading expert in airborne radar and associated fields. As an example, it is intended that he assume much more responsibility for the development of equipment peculiar to the ARGON, CORONA and OXCART missions.

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(b) [REDACTED] is our main expert in high altitude photography. He is well grounded in the fundamentals of his speciality. He is well known by senior scientists in his field, such as Dr. Baker, Dr. Lord especially Dr. McDonald. It is envisioned that [REDACTED] will assist DPD in its problems with high altitude cameras, fiber optics, optical glass systems and related work.

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(c) [REDACTED] is Chief of our main research effort. He will be guiding our research into the proper paths for the long-range solution to DPD's problem. This includes, for example, our program in new high altitude photographic film emulsions, new light weight optical transmission systems, antiradar coatings, etc. It is most important that he be cleared to provide the necessary guidance to a major portion of our innovation effort.

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(4) [REDACTED] is our senior electronic specialist in airborne elint equipment. He is our antenna authority - a particular thorny problem in RPD's programs. He is well known to national authorities in his field and is respected. As an example, he would go to work on the antenna problem associated with OXCART and the reconnaissance radar development. He would be a chief contact with [REDACTED]

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3. I sincerely believe that each individual requested can make genuine contributions to RPD's programs, and only by being completely cleared. Each has several capable young scientists under his direction. As was previously discussed with you, it is planned to use the CHALLENGE Project as a cover for discussing OXCART requirements internally in TSS with such younger men.

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[REDACTED]
Chief, DD/P/TSS

CONCUR:

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[REDACTED]
Acting Chief, RPD

Date: 25 Jan 60

Recommendation in paragraph 2 APPROVED:

(sgd) Richard M. Bissell, Jr.
Deputy Director (Plans)

Date: 28 JAN 1960

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